

W. C. Sullivan

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and State

Washington

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

There is no need to be concerned about the "leak" which, I believe, will be reported. In regard thereto I would suggest rather than attempting to learn more about Mr. Sullivan's stay in the U.S.S.R. and his "dealings" with a pro-Russia committee, that some future inquiry be directed along more productive lines. Further, I suggest any investigation which may be necessary be conducted by an agency that has no private one to avoid

any disclosure of his activities since under my secretary during 1962 and 1963. My inquiries, coupled with data furnished me by reliable sources, are attached for your review:

Mr. Sullivan had no significant connection with the Far East Policy Committee. He had no significant contact or relationship with any pro-Russia committee, though he was led to believe he had such. He maintained no significant association with any Marxist-oriented group or movement. He was best identified with a Marxist group or movement. He was not an agent or informant, in the commonly accepted sense of the words, or an investigator, police, or intelligence agency, member or agent. He was involved in a conspiracy to murder the former Chief of State, during the latter part of September 1963. This conspiracy was neither Communist inspired, nor was it instigated by any foreign government or organization.

individual representative of any foreign government.

In the summer of 1963 I received instructions to contact certain persons in the world, who was the indispensable link in the conspiracy, and thereafter report the United States, locally. Although I did neither, I did, subsequent to obtaining a valid passport and prior to my arrest, dispatch a letter via registered mail to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, advising in sufficient detail of the aforesaid conspiracy as the identity and whereabouts of Mr. Oswald.

At this time, at Dallas, when I became convinced the F.B.I. was more concerned with keeping me in custody (and with cleaning its dirty linen) than it was in resolving facts which would have shed light on the assassination I removed myself completely. Later, however, when I felt I was going to be returned into either a prison or a mental institution, I made every possible effort under the existing circumstances to testify before the Warren Commission. I was sent letters to the Chief, Secret Service I was and W. F. T. Cain, then Special Counsel for the Commission.

For what little it is apparently worth now, my opinion is that the death of President Kennedy was <sup>an</sup> honesty, if not directly, resultant from a conspiracy and also due in great part to the stupidity or negligence of the F.B.I.; that Mr. Oswald himself was the only assassin; and that his own demise was not attributable to any conspiracy of which I was cognizant.

Very truly,

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